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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6606

BILL NUMBER: HB 1116

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 21, 2005

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Rights of consumers of legal services.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Wolkins

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: No Fiscal Impact

Summary of Legislation: Prohibits an attorney from communicating with a claimant concerning a legal action involving wrongful death or personal injury: (1) for at least 45 days after the wrongful death or personal injury occurs; or (2) until the claimant contacts the attorney; whichever occurs first. Requires an attorney retained by a claimant on a contingent fee basis to bring an action concerning wrongful death, personal injury, or damage to or loss of property to provide the claimant with certain information: (1) before the action is brought; (2) while the action is pending; and (3) after the action is settled or adjudicated. Allows a claimant to request an objective review of a contingent fee by a state or local bar association or another attorney to determine if the fee is reasonable and fair.

Effective Date: July 1, 2006.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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